Adventure tourism in Uttarakhand

†815. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has contemplated on any programme or project or provided financial assistance to any State Government projects in order to boost adventure tourism in Uttarakhand which is very important State from the point of view of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and Promotion of Tourism including adventure tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/ UT Administrations concerned. Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/UT Administrations including Uttarakhand for development of tourism under the Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits Scheme of the Ministry, on the basis of proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects related to adventure tourism in Uttarakhand:

1. Rs. 536.36 lakh for development of Dayara Bugyal Circuit in 2004-05.
2. Rs. 134.41 lakh in 2005-06 for purchase of winter sports equipment like ski equipment, snow scooters, snow boards etc.

Medical tourism in Punjab

816. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Punjab proposes to give a boost to medical tourism and offer it at international level;

(b) if so, the details of this ambitious road-map;

(c) what is the status of medical tourism in the country;

(d) whether centre proposes to offer certain incentives to the States and others which propose to go in for this mode; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) As Per information provided by the State Government of Punjab there is no proposal to boost medical tourism and to promote it at international level by them.

(c) to (e) Ministry of Tourism has requested all the State Tourism Departments including Punjab to promote medical tourism through suitable packaging of identified best hospitals and price banding for various specific treatment.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.